Towm, Sawyer lives with his Aunt Pollly and his half=brother Sid. He skips school to swim and is made to whitewash the fence the next day as punishment. He cleverly persuades his friends to trade him small treasures for the privilege of doing his work. He then trades the treasures for Sunday Schoool tickets which one normally recerives for memorizing verses consistently, redeeming them for a Bible, much to the surprise and bewilderment of the superintendent who thought “it was simply preposterous that this boy had warehoused two thousand sheaves of Scriptural wisomd on his premises-a dozen would strain his capacity, without a doubnt”

Tom falls inlove with Becky Thatcher, a new girl in town, and persuades her to her “engaged” by kissing him. But their romance collapses when she learns Tom has been “engaged” previously to Am Lawrence. Shortly after Becky shuns hi, he accompanies Huckeverry Finn to the graveyard at night.